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It is suggested that an interesting exhibit for the proposed Pan-Mississippi exposition would be a mock of canceled mortgages to which the farmers of the entire Mississippi Valley would be able to make liberal contributions.

August, \$19,021,614; September, \$21,523,066; October, \$21,301,451; November, \$25,000,000. That is the record of the earnings of the Ingalls law in its first four months, a steady, healthy growth which indicates that long before its first year has ended it will be producing a surplus, something unknown in the history of the Wilson law.

The experimental explorations of America in tin plate have been to success, so as to warrant the belief that the tin plate manufacturers of the United States will soon be actively competing in the European markets with the tin plate makers of Wales, who less than a decade ago were supplying not only all of Europe, but all of the United States.

Would it not be a good thing for that ill-advised combination of silver speculators who visited Japan last summer to make a report before the departure of Mr. Bryan for Mexico? It might enable him to advise the Mexican how to escape that terrible fatality which has drawn the most intelligent nations of the earth from Great Britain to Japan, and the danger of being dominated.

Business men who voted for McKinley and stood more than a year without reference to the former party's afflictions, will not regret their action when they examine the figures showing the earnings of the companies in whose success they are interested. The July, August and September earnings of eight of the largest railroads, or 85% of the country show increased earnings of from one to two million dollars each for the three months in question.

The Omaha banks, says Mr. Bryan, because made up of the leading men of his party, in Congress, to call legislation on the railroads which he now so opportunely supports as to be chief features of his political faith. There is not, says the *Berkeley*, in the Congressional Record, that betrays a word to say about authorizing a verdict by injunction, and that legislation, or any of the other interests of which he now appeals to the public. But the *Berkeley* remembers that Mr. Bryan, as a statesman on a large scale, the Congress he did was altogether too much for him.

The John workingman who has bid his fare and christened Prosperity to Rockne, in recognition of the improved conditions growing out of the triumph of protection at the last Presidential election, has chosen a strikingly effective way of expressing his appreciation of the better state of things, as depicted by the *Indicates Commercial Tribune* in the story.

Springfield, Oct. 31. From this time on, any one who says there is no "prosperity" in town, will be referred to as the *Classical* records of Mr. Bernard's choice. The last speech of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, published in the *Advertiser* this morning, "The little fellow, who is as rosy and plump and infantile as would be to see, was this morning christened Prosperity to Rockne, in accordance with the custom of the day, and is to be conspicuously reminded of the burden which was lifted from their home by the administration of President McKinley, and the great directness of doing it." Mr. Sackenberry, the prominent man at Notre Dame's brass foundry, at good wages, and his son Prosperity, will be a living object lesson for himself and neighbors. A good example to the incoming administration after four years of hard times under Democratic misrule.

What matter if the juvenile chum of Master Sackenberry shall call him "Pros" or "Perry" for the sake of abbreviation and euphemism. His name is Prosperity, and though he like to be a centaurian, it will never be necessary to inquire his age, he was born the first year of President McKinley's administration, and history will record 1897 as a red letter year of Prosperity after a long period of dismal depression. Long live to Prosperity!

No New and Untried Task. The Boston Journal says: "One opponent of Hawaiian annexation, whose argument is offered with such sincerity that it deserves consideration, is the Hon. James Bruce, the accomplished author of 'The American Commonwealth.'"

Mr. Bryce is an Englishman whose breadth of mind and friendliness toward America will not be questioned. In his elaborate article in the December Forum he lays special stress upon an objection which has been regarded in this country as of little practical moment—the difficulty of governing Hawaii after it has been acquired. "American institutions," he submits, "are quite unequal to the government of dependencies." "They do not adapt themselves to countries where the population consists of elements utterly unequal and dissimilar, as is the case of Hawaii." "Britain has had painful experience of these difficulties in her own colonies; yet in her monarchical system and her colonial service she possesses machinery much more flexible and more adaptable to these conditions than the far more consistently democratic system of the United States has ever possessed or shown capable of constructing. In other words, the problems which the United States would have to solve in Cuba or in Hawaii, were either of them to be acquired, would be, for the United States, perfectly new and extremely perplexing problems."

It is just here that Mr. Bryce falls into his fatal error. Because no one divides our American domain, it is a common assumption of English critics, even of those well disposed toward us, that the United States is unfamiliar with methods for territorial expansion. As a matter of fact, the United States, for nearly a century, has been and is now the strongest and most successful colonizer and settler in the world.

The 1,371,881 square miles of territory which we acquired in the Louisiana purchase, the 60,000 which we bought with Florida, and the 500,000 which we conquered and bought from Mexico involved problems of settlement and government by the side of which the Hawaiian problem is a grade of need to a large measure. And yet every one of these tremendous problems, the telegraphically solved by the power of these institutions—whether they goad us to war or not—has been met in the government of dependencies.

It is the same with the Oregon question, the 300,000 square miles of territory which we acquired in the Oregon purchase, the 100,000 which we bought with California, and the 100,000 which we

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